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12.....for 12 years, 4,380 days.....	510	of 1,199.95	for 1,200
13.....for 13 years, 4,745 days.....	550	of 1,299.95	for 1,300
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16.....for 16 years, 5,840 days.....	670	of 1,599.95	for 1,600
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18.....for 18 years, 6,570 days.....	750	of 1,799.95	for 1,800
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The Ohio County Republican Club Organizes for the Coming Battle of the Ballots.

WAS A REGULAR LOVE FEAST

After Officers and State League Delegates Had Been Chosen—Speeches Were Well Received.

The political campaign was virtually opened in Ohio county last night, with the meeting of the Ohio county Republican club, which was held at the Odd Fellows' hall, and it was a hummer with a mighty loud hum. There was an unexpectedly large attendance and great enthusiasm. The meeting opened with an earnestness and desire to get down to business, great interest was shown in all the proceedings, and it closed with "a love feast" in which there were addresses galore that smacked of true Republican sentiments and brought forth cheers and other demonstrations of approval. Officers were elected and delegates and alternates selected for the State League of Republican Clubs which meets in Parkersburg, on March 8.

The meeting was called for 8 o'clock and it was opened on the dot. The crowd came early and all the seats were filled before the chairman's gavel rapped for attention. Many were forced to stand throughout the meeting, and the entrances to the hall were blocked with the late-comers. The meeting was called to order by Secretary John W. Kindelberger, who suggested Mr. William H. Muegge of Washington district for temporary president, the club's president, Bentley Jones, having removed to East Liverpool. Mr. Muegge was unanimously elected to the chair, and was in turn elected president of the club, the elections being the first business acted on.

In the crowd were Republicans from each of the ten districts. For president Mr. Muegge had no opposition, and the re-election of Secretary Kindelberger was also unanimous. Then came the election of district vice president, which was another unanimous feature. The elections all told resulted as follows: President—W. H. Muegge, of Washington.

Secretary—John W. Kindelberger, of Clay.

Vice presidents: Washington, Ed Elliott; Clay, John Boss; Union, B. F. Caldwell; Centre, W. D. Robertson; Webster, John Cummins; Madison, R. S. Allison; Ritchie, John C. Devine; Triadelphia, Charles Seibert; Richland, W. J. Lyle; Liberty, Abram McColloch.

Delegates to State League.

After the election the first question considered was the selection of delegates to the state league. It was opened by Mr. Allison, who proposed that the districts get together and name the delegates. Then followed a debate whether the district clubs would not attend to this matter. Mr. William McCormick favored the election of the delegates in a bunch, which was opposed by Mr. D. W. Martin, who said such a proceeding would leave no motive for the meeting of the district clubs.

At this juncture Secretary Kindelberger read a letter from William Burdette Mathews, first vice president of the State League, to Chairman W. H. Hornish, of the Ohio county Republican committee, which stated that each club was entitled to five delegates, and that Ohio county would be entitled in the deliberations of the State League meeting to one vote for each 100 votes cast for William McKinley for President in 1896.

The delegate question was settled by a decision to elect only five delegates for the Ohio county club, and nominations were then in order.

Colonel Hugh Sterling was proposed by Joseph Bero; A. R. Campbell, by Charles E. Van Keuren; G. C. Jansen, by Richard Ryan; R. T. Chew, by Edward Elliott; J. W. Kindelberger, by W. H. Hornish; Jesse Jackson, by I. V. Barton; W. M. Baird, by B. S. Allison; Will G. Caldwell, by J. K. Hall; William McCormick, by John C. Devine; Richard Robertson, by Alf C. Davis; J. R. Butts, by William McCormick; C. E. Van Keuren, by Charles Helmbricht; E. O. Boyce, by Richard Robertson; Joseph Bero, by Robert M. Addleman; James Marshall, by J. R. Butts; John Cummins, by A. S. Hare; A. S. Hare, by James A. Dunning; D. W. Martin, by Lester Smith; M. A. Chew, by Mr. McGee; C. F. Bachman, by Max Brolovitz.

Messrs. Van Keuren, Boyce, Cummins, Hare, Martin and M. A. Chew withdrew their names, and a thrilling applause greeted the declarations of Messrs. Martin and Cummins that they were so busy that they would be unable to get off a day to attend the convention of the State League of Republican Clubs, for which they blamed the Republican administration. Messrs. Martin and Chew were appointed tellers, and as will be seen by the vote, there were ballots cast for the gentlemen who withdrew from the contest, and also for others that had not been formally suggested. The five receiving the highest votes were declared elected delegates, the next five, the alternates. The friends of Will Caldwell, son of General Alfred Caldwell, who entered the Republican ranks when the Democrats swallowed the Bryanite financial delusion, paid him the tribute of by far the highest number of votes. He ran out of sight.

The following was the vote: Caldwell 40 Campbell 15 Sterling 40 Bachman 17 Butts 37 Marshall 17 McCormick 37 Lyle 17 R. T. Chew 28 Hare 17 Robertson 28 Van Keuren 28 Devine 28 Boyce 28 McGee 28 Cummins 1

The delegates are, therefore, Messrs. Caldwell, Sterling, Butts, McCormick and Baird; the alternates, Messrs. Chew, Robertson, Jackson, Bero and Kindelberger.

Republican Love Feast. A motion to turn the meeting into a Republican love feast was the next fea-

ture, it being adopted, and it followed the unanimous adoption of a resolution expressing the club's endorsement of the stand taken in the Kentucky situation by Governor W. S. Taylor. The love feast opened with calls for Will Caldwell and "Charley" Henning, but both had retired from the hall, and the next request was for County Clerk Richard Robertson.

Mr. Robertson expressed his pleasure at seeing such a large attendance. He took it as an indication of what the party would do in November in this county. Ohio county, said he, should be the banner Republican county of the state and kept for all time in the Republican fold. Mr. Robertson said he would go to Parkersburg as a representative of no clique, but to represent the Republicans of Ohio county to his best advantage.

After repeated calls, Mr. B. S. Allison said among other things, that the Island Republicans would meet shortly and he promised good results from Madison district.

City Solicitor Frank W. Nesbitt, was the next speaker yelled for. He began by saying he was gratified with the large attendance. He had another reason to be thankful, as had all present—namely, to be members of the grand old Republican party. Mr. Nesbitt humorously and effectively punctured the argument made on the Island in 1896 by "the man from Nebraska." Continuing, Mr. Nesbitt referred to the howls of the Democrats when the Maine was sunk in Havana harbor. Their clamors grew into a shriek of frenzy because President McKinley didn't jump into war head over heels. The wise, judicious, calm and conservative statesman in the executive chair, never delayed a moment in leading the country to a successful war, from which the speaker drew a pretty picture of Republican success in November.

Sheriff Richards was the next speaker. He called attention to the fact that the Republican party was always in danger when the country was on the high-tide of prosperity, as had been proved by experience, namely in 1892, hence he charged the Republican clubs with the duty of exerting their best efforts for the party's success in returning to the Presidential chair, a man in his opinion, the greatest occupant of the chair since Abraham Lincoln, a tribute which brought enthusiastic rounds of cheers.

Advised Harmony.

Mr. James K. Hall was the succeeding speaker, and he was given close attention in his advice for a harmonious and earnest fight to a finish. Mr. Hall said he was concerned with fifty-five counties this year, and he was willing to withdraw from the race for auditor just so soon as the party said so. He urged a long and strong pull all together and Ohio county, which cast its vote for a Republican President in 1896 for the first time, would be in line, on account of improved industrial conditions and the record of the present administration, in 1900 with an increased majority.

Mr. John Arbens, Jr., alluded to a patent medicine advertisement styled "R. R. R.," and he interpreted it "Rapid, Resolute Republicanism," as a good motto to follow. He urged a hearty co-operation of all Ohio county Republicans.

Mr. A. R. Campbell, in speaking along the same line, said he had been called a "kicker," but no man could point to any time when he had failed to hear the voice of the Republican party after it had spoken at the primaries, and he argued eloquently and ably for energetic work by all hands, no matter how spirited the rivalry previous to the primary decisions.

Happy and appropriate five-minute talks were made by Messrs. Lester Smith, C. P. Flick, R. M. Addleman, G. C. Jansen, Addison Israel and Dr. D. H. Taylor, all expressive of enthusiasm. All the speakers were vigorously applauded, and the meeting adjourned with three rousing cheers for President McKinley. The club's next meeting will be held at the Odd Fellows' hall, Wednesday evening, February 23.

MAN AND WIFE

See Changes as They Change.

To sweeten sour human nature, one of the best methods is to leave off coffee if it gives you dyspepsia or makes you nervous.

"I asked husband this morning to write out a testimonial for the Postum Cereal Co., and from it I quote: 'I am pleased to be able to state that my wife has been cured of sick headaches and "general cussedness" by leaving off coffee and using your Postum Food Coffee. My home is now a happy one.'"

"I am forced to admit his joke contains more than a modicum of truth, for I find now I have complete control of my nerves, while formerly I was often irritable, and my husband himself has been entirely cured of insomnia by leaving off coffee and taking up Postum. He sleeps now like a baby, from the time he goes to bed, until morning, and perhaps his improvement is partly a reason for his seeing such an improvement in me. At any rate, our old sickness and troubles have disappeared."

"I had tried everything for my sick headaches, but as long as I stuck to the coffee, the headaches stuck to me. It took us a little while to learn that we must follow the directions in making Postum, in order to obtain a really palatable, delicious beverage. People must get over the idea that they can make it in any kind of a slipshod way and have it good. The great element in making good Postum is to allow it plenty of time to boil. That is certainly simple enough, and when the cook becomes accustomed to making Postum, it depends upon a regular quality every morning."

"I know people who seem to be able to drink coffee, with no bad effects; and on the other hand, I know that probably one-half of all my friends are more or less unpleasantly affected with coffee, when they present in using it, but Postum has obtained a strong hold since its qualities have become known, and a great many of our friends are steady users of Postum in place of the ordinary coffee, and you may be sure every family that has used Postum for even one month will be ready to testify to the improvement in health."

"If you should publish this letter, please suppress my name, as I have a horror of undue notoriety. If any one will take the trouble to write for my name and address, I will cheerfully answer any questions that may be asked, and furnish satisfactory evidence to substantiate my statements. Respectfully, Mrs. —, Hyde Park, London, Can.

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CHARLES BOWMAN KILLED.

Was Run Over by a Baltimore & Ohio Passenger Train Near Bogg's Run. A Verdict of Accidental Death.

Yesterday morning shortly before 6 o'clock, on the Baltimore & Ohio tracks, in Upper Benwood, Charles Bowman, while going home from work, was struck by the north bound Pittsburgh and Cincinnati express train and thrown ten feet over an embankment, receiving injuries from which he expired one hour and a half later.

Bowman was sixty-seven years of age, and had been employed as night watchman at the Riverside plate mill, during the past three years. He left the mill at 5 o'clock yesterday morning and was walking along the Baltimore & Ohio tracks when the unfortunate accident occurred. At a point between the Bogg's run crossing and the stone bridge spanning the run, Mr. Bowman stepped out of the way of an approaching south bound freight engine. In doing this he unconsciously placed himself directly in front of a north bound passenger train. The engine struck him and threw him over the embankment, where he rolled against a fence and was picked up by below workmen. Mr. Bowman was apparently conscious, but could not speak. The engine was brought to a stop and the injured man's body was taken aboard and conveyed to the depot at Wheeling. Here he was placed in the city ambulance and taken to the home of his sister, Mrs. James Crosby, below Forty-third street.

Dr. Rau was summoned but found the man beyond all surgical aid. He expired about five minutes after being brought home, one hour and a half after the accident occurred. Dr. Rau found the left hip, leg and also the left arm to be broken. There is also a contusion on the right side of the head. Neither of these, however, were sufficient to produce death and it is thought he died from the effects of internal injuries.

Charles Bowman, the unfortunate victim of yesterday's accident, was sixty-seven years of age, and formerly resided near Clinton, where he conducted a farm. He has occupied his present position as watchman at the Riverside plate mill for the past three years. He was a widower and is survived by five children, three married and two single. He had been living with his brother-in-law, James Crosby, on the South Side. Mr. Bowman was well and favorably known and highly respected. His remains were removed to the Cooley-Bents undertaking establishment to be prepared for burial.

At the coroner's inquest, held at an early hour this morning, the crew of the engine testified that the engineer whistled four or five times for danger, but that Bowman did not hear, his attention being entirely upon the freight train going south. After taking all the

evidence in the case, Coroner Schultze rendered a verdict of accidental death.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Going and Coming of Wheeling People and Visitors.

Here is a well-known proverb. Revised to suit the masses—If you in a stone house dwell, Refrain from throwing glasses. —Chicago News.

J. W. Birch, of Scio, was a business caller in the city yesterday.

H. W. Wells, of Charleston, was registered at the McElure yesterday.

Albert Dietrich and wife, of Clarksburg, were in the city yesterday.

James Flanagan, of Grafton, was a Grand Central arrival yesterday.

T. C. Hornbrook, of Parkersburg, was a guest at the Windsor yesterday.

T. H. Hawkins, of New Martinsville, was at the Grand Central yesterday.

D. R. Meighen, of Littleton, is the guest of his brother, Dr. T. H. Meighen, of the South Side.

J. M. McMullen and J. S. Mullen, of Sistersville, were West Virginia arrivals at the Nichols yesterday.

W. H. O'Brien, of Ripley, and N. Powers and J. B. Nay, of Mammington, were yesterday's state arrivals at the Windsor.

Robert W. Humphreys, of Mountsville, and C. M. Root, of St. Mary's, were photographed on the McElure register yesterday.

James Fry, driver of the Wells, Fargo Company will resign his present position on March 1. He will remove to Cameron, where he has rented a farm.

For Morbid Conditions take BEECHAM'S PILLS.

DIED.

SCHMID—At her residence, No. 623 National Road, on Tuesday, February 14, 1900, at 12:30 o'clock a. m., Mrs. CHRISTINA M. SCHMID, in her 69th year.

Funeral services this (Thursday) afternoon at 3 o'clock. Friends of the family respectfully invited to attend. Interment at Mt. Wood cemetery.

LEWELLYN—On Wednesday, February 14, 1900, at 9:40 o'clock a. m., ELIZABETH, wife of the late Thomas Lewellyn, in her 74th year.

Funeral services at the residence of her son-in-law, Louis Berig, No. 213 Coal street, Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Friends of the family respectfully invited to attend. Interment at Mt. Wood cemetery.

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